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In the CLAIMS

Please replace the claims currently on file with the following claims:

1. (Currently amended) A unitary, stackable fence module comprising:

two end supports, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member and an angle arm connected between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane; and

a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart,

wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit stacking of two or more unitary fence assemblies for storage or transport, the angle arms of each successive module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module.

2. (Currently amended) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a spacer positioned between the angle arm and the inside side edge of the vertical and horizontal members for providing additional tolerance between each modules for stacking.

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3. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a first end support and a second end support, each of the first and second end assemblies having attachment means attached to the vertical member to permit pivotal attachment to a subsequent fence module,

wherein the means on the second end support of a first module cooperate with the means on the first end support of the subsequent fence module; and

the first module and subsequent module are rotatable about the pivotal attachment for forming a corner.

4. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 3 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises a pin and loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the second end of the first fence module and the first end of the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough.

5. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 4 wherein the pin is of sufficient length to engage the ground at the lower ends of the attached vertical members.

6. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 wherein the end assemblies and the span members are formed of tubular steel.

7. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 1 further comprising a man door formed intermediate the span members for permitting access.

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8. (Currently amended) ~~A perimeter fence formed using a plurality of~~ The unitary, stackable fence modules according to module of claim 3, wherein the first and subsequent fence modules are pivotally connected to form a polygonal shape for use as a perimeter fence.

9. (Currently amended) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal perimeter fence comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each module comprising two end supports, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member-, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane and

an angle arm connected between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member; and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to aan inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit stacking of two or more unitary fence assemblies for storage or transport, the angle arms of each successive module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module; and

means for pivotal attachment, connected to each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an adjacent fence module for forming the perimeter fence.

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10. (Original) The modular fence system as described in claim 9 wherein each of the three or more fence modules further comprises
a first end support and a second end support, and
wherein the means for pivotal attachment on the second end support of a first module co-operate with the means for pivotal attachment on the first end support of a subsequent fence module; and
the first module and subsequent module are rotatable about the pivotal attachment means for forming a corner.

11. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 9 wherein the means for pivotal attachment comprises a pin and loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the second end of the first fence module and the first end of the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough.

12. (Original) The unitary, stackable fence module of claim 11 wherein the pin is of sufficient length to engage the ground at the lower ends of the attached vertical members.

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13. (New) A modular fence system for forming a polygonal perimeter fence comprising:

three or more stackable fence modules, each module comprising two end supports, each end support having a substantially vertical member connected at a lower end to a first end of a horizontal member, the vertical and horizontal members being in the same plane and an angle arm connected between an upper end of the substantially vertical member and a second end of the horizontal member; and a plurality of span members connected between the angle arm of each end support, spacing the end supports apart, wherein, the angle arm is attached to an inside side edge of each of the substantially vertical and horizontal member adjacent the span members to permit stacking of two or more unitary fence assemblies for storage or transport, the angle arms of each successive module fitting between the horizontal and substantially vertical members of a previous module; and

a pivotal attachment, connected to each of the two end supports of each of the three or more fence modules, for pivotally connecting each of the three or more fence modules to an adjacent fence module for forming the perimeter fence, the pivotal attachment further comprising a pin and loops arranged along each vertical member so as to permit vertical alignment of the loops between the second end of the first fence module and the first end of the subsequent fence module to permit passage of the pin therethrough, the pin being of sufficient length to engage the ground at the lower ends of the attached vertical members.